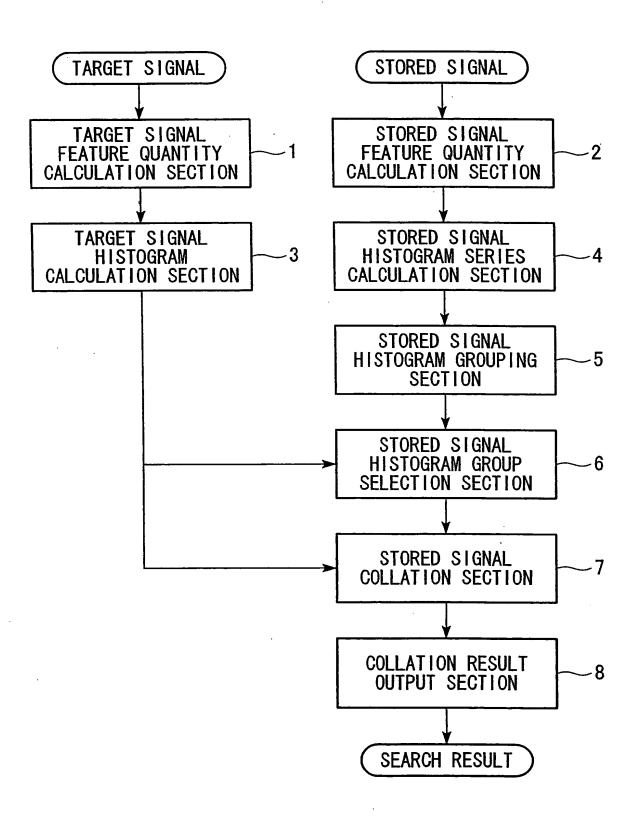
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## FIG. 2

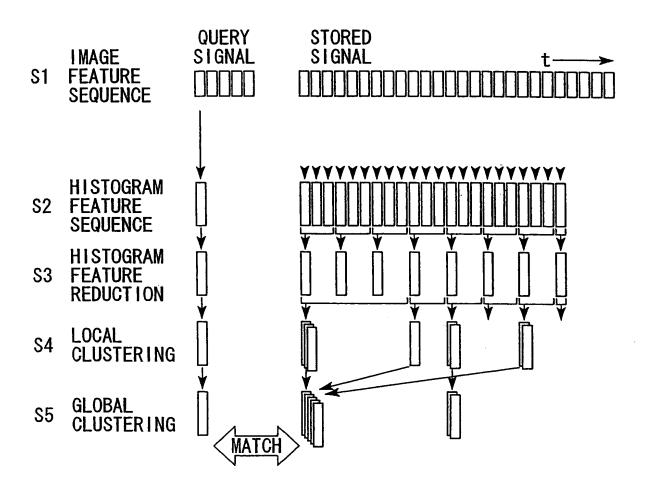
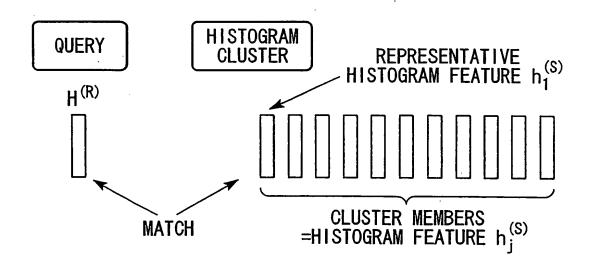
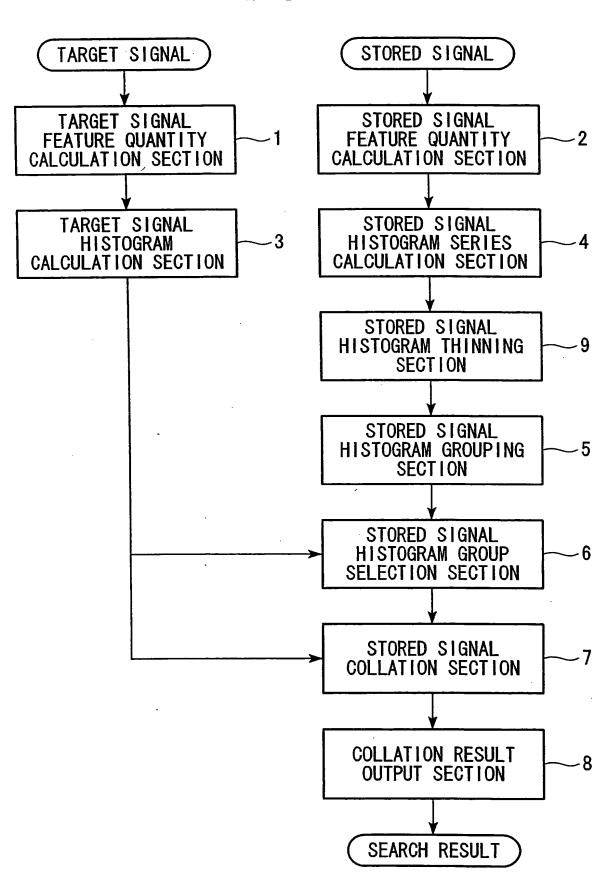


FIG. 3



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FIG. 4



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FIG. 5

METHOD	REQUIRED AVERAGE CPU TIME	REQUIRED NUMBER OF COLLATIONS
PRIOR ART (TAS) (1)+TSA	205ms 45ms	92785 102683
EMBODIMENT 1 OF PRESENT INVENTION (1)+(2)	42ms	102639
EMBODIMENT 2 OF PRESENT INVENTION ((1)+(2)+(3))	15ms	66458

- HISTOGRAM THINNING LOCAL GROUPING GLOBAL GROUPING